

I'm a Dish Network subscriber and watched the SHVERA debate with interest as I hoped it would finally remove the inequities between cable and satellite. I was excited when the press conferences were held announcing passage of the law which seemed to address my major problem, that my local cable company could offer New York AND Philadelphia broadcast OTA stations, while my satellite provider was PROHIBITED from doing the same for me here in Southeastern Monmouth County, NJ (42 miles from New York and 59 miles from Philadelphia). Unfortunately, the list of "significantly viewed" channels seemed to be generated in 1965 and was not addressing the current state of channel availability in our area via cable. Cable already controls 75% of the market in our area and does not need FCC protection. Due to terrain and distance concerns, I am unable to receive signals via an antenna, so I am forced to receive these signals via either satellite or cable. As my wife is originally from a suburb of Philadelphia, she is disappointed that she can't watch any local programming from that market (ie. Eagles Football games or Local News).

I beseech you to correct this deficiency and allow satellite providers to offer channels which are TRULY significantly viewed in our market via cable. Chairman Michael Powell stated in Las Vegas at CES that the airwaves are public property and that the consumers needs' should come first. Please have your actions match your words and allow both Philadelphia and New York stations to be made available in my zip code, 08730, as it is available via Cable TV. Thank you for reading my comments.